Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a charge for using application software, which ~~creates data to be processed by an external device~~ is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation; ~~and~~

second calculation means for calculating a charge for using ~~the external~~ an output device, which ~~processes~~ outputs the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

third calculation means for calculating an output charge based on the calculated charges by said first and second calculation means.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data; ~~and~~

second calculation means for calculating a charge for using application software to use the device; and

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third calculation means for calculating a data processing charge based on the calculated charges by said first and second calculation means.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is stored in said charge calculation apparatus.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software, which ~~creates data to be processed by an external device~~ is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation; ~~and~~

a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using ~~the external~~ an output device, which ~~processes~~ outputs the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

a third calculation step of calculating an output charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the external device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

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a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data; ~~and~~

a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software to use the device: and

a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is stored in a computer.

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software, which ~~creates data to be processed by an external device~~ is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation; ~~and~~

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using ~~the external~~ an output device, which ~~processes~~ outputs the data created and/or edited by the application software: and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating an output charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

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a code of a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data; ~~and~~

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software to use the device; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.

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